

House Resolution 1723

By: Representatives Reece of the 11th, Amerson of the 9th, Hanner of the 148th, Wilkinson of the 52nd, Hill of the 21st, and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Commending Georgia's Vietnam veterans and recognizing March 30, 2010, as Welcome
2 Home Vietnam Veterans Day; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, our nation's security continues to rely on patriotic men and women who put
4 their personal lives on hold in order to place themselves in harm's way to protect the
5 freedoms that all United States citizens cherish; and

6 WHEREAS, members of the United States military have long been recognized around the
7 world for their superior tactical skills, their strength of physique and character, and their
8 ability to complete any objective; and

9 WHEREAS, from 1961 to 1975, North Vietnam and the Viet Cong were in conflict with the
10 United States Armed Forces and South Vietnam; and

11 WHEREAS, the United States Congress passed the Gulf of Tonkin resolution on August 6,
12 1964, effectively handing over war-making powers to President Lyndon B. Johnson; and

13 WHEREAS, American forces arrived in Vietnam in 1965, with 543,000 troops in that
14 country during the peak of the war in 1969; and

15 WHEREAS, more than 58,000 members of the United States Armed Forces were lost during
16 the Vietnam War, with over 300,000 wounded; and

17 WHEREAS, nearly 250,000 brave Georgians served in the Vietnam War as guardians of this
18 nation's freedom and liberty, demonstrating a deep personal commitment to protect
19 democracy, willing to sacrifice their own personal safety and comfort to ensure the
20 well-being of their fellow man; and

21 WHEREAS, when these courageous Americans returned home after their selfless service,
22 public policy disagreements over the war prevented them from receiving the honor and
23 respect they deserve; and

24 WHEREAS, the members of this body recognize the need to pay tribute to the many
25 Georgians who sacrificed much for the protection and safety of us all and hereby recognize
26 March 30, 2010, as Welcome Home Vietnam Veterans Day; and

27 WHEREAS, Governor Sonny Perdue is urged to also recognize March 30, 2010, as Welcome
28 Home Vietnam Veterans Day in honor of the selfless service of Georgia's Vietnam Veterans.

29 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
30 the members of this body commend the Vietnam veterans of Georgia for their selfless service
31 to this nation and, in honor of their unyielding commitment to protecting the people and
32 ideals of the United States, recognize March 30, 2010, as Welcome Home Vietnam Veterans
33 Day.

34 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
35 and directed to transmit appropriate copies of this resolution to members of the public and
36 the press.